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ILLUMINATING AN AREA SURROUNDING
A BRUSH**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention is a multifunctional electronic light emitting removable grip sleeve for a paintbrush. A paintbrush is to be inserted into an encasement to improve handling and control over the paintbrush. The encasement is ergonomic and smoothly contours to the hand of a painter or user. Within the encasement are two elastic walls that can be tapered to allow the handle of a paintbrush to become lodged as it is inserted. Atop the encasement is a plurality of illuminating sources, preferably LED's, which are used to direct light onto a painted surface. Additionally, a multitude of electronic components can be installed into the present invention to increase productivity and provide convenience for the painter. For example, Bluetooth technology can be implemented into the encasement, similar to cellular phones, along with a radio scanner, a stereo system, and a USB port. Painting is facilitated by using the present invention.

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